

◇ **Sue Blore's Legendary Sunday Lunches:** The next ones are planned for 17th February and 17th March—both at 1:00pm (minimum donation £10). Contact Sue on 01628 661815 if you would like to book in.

◇ **Tesco Bags of Help Grant Scheme:** Phil has been successful in applying for funding from this scheme which involves Tesco customers voting for which of three projects should get the most funding: top votes get £4K, second £2K and the third £1K. Voting will take place in Tesco stores in March and April. More information nearer the time but if we can mobilise the whole community to vote for us (every time they buy things), we could raise £4000 for our appeal!



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◇ **What else can we do?:** We really do need new ideas on how we can raise more funds for our appeal. Do you know of potential donors, trust funds to which we might apply or do you have any thoughts regarding fund-raising events/activities for this year? Please do talk to Phil about any ideas you may have.



Services/Events next Week



Wednesday, 30th January: 12:00 to 3:00pm—Open Wednesday with a Service at 12:30 followed by Ploughman's Lunch.

Sunday, 3rd February:

10:45am—Parish Communion at St Nicolas Church, Taplow

3:00pm—Remembering Service at St Anne's Church, Dropmore

Further information on **St Nicolas Church Website:** <http://st-nicolas-taplow.org>
If you need to **contact the Vicar**, you can ring her on 01628 661182 or email her: janecresswell523@gmail.com
Notices in the Pew Leaflet: If you have a notice or news for the *Pew Leaflet*, please email it to [Jim Oliver \(oliverjim1@sky.com\)](mailto:oliverjim1@sky.com) by the end of the Wednesday preceding the Sunday date you want it in.

St Anne's Church, Littleworth Common		
<i>We are part of</i>	St Nicolas' Church, Taplow	
		
4th Sunday of Epiphany		
27th January, 2019		

Faithful to God

Caring for each other

Serving the Community

*Welcome to this morning's Service of Choral Matins (St Anne's) and
Worship for All (St Nicolas).*

Collect (or Prayer for Today)

God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law.

And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground.

So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation.

They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

The Gospel: Luke 4:14-21 *The Rejection of Jesus at Nazareth*

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour." And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."



Anthem (Choral Matins): *Benediction* Mack Wilberg

This Week's News and Notices

- ◆ **Joint PCC Meeting:** The meeting scheduled for last Tuesday was postponed due to the inclement weather conditions.
- ◆ **Remembering Service:** The annual Remembering Service will take place at St Anne's Church, Dropmore on **Sunday, 3rd February at 3:00pm**. This service is a good opportunity for all who are bereaved to remember those who have died and reflect on what they continue to mean to us in our lives.



- ◆ **Oasis:** On **Wednesday 13th February, 2019 from 10.00am to 3pm**, we are invited to go to Burnham Abbey, Lake End Road (running south from Taplow Sainsbury's), when Alison Webster, Deputy Director of Mission (Social Justice) in the Diocese of Oxford who has recently been involved in a project known as "Death and Life" will be leading a session called "**Courageousness in Later Life**". Growing older is not a choice, but an inevitability. It brings many positive and good things, but also calls out for us to be courageous in the face of vulnerabilities and loss. In particular, as we get closer to the end of our lives, we become more acutely aware of our mortality. The session will explore spiritual journeys – understanding our own and those of others; and the shifts and changes that growing older brings. Please book for these sessions by contacting Rob Penn Tel:07768483385 or email robipenn@aol.com



- ◆ **South Side Roof and Wall Restoration Appeal:**
 - ◆ **Taplow Christmas Card:** it is proposed that we create a Christmas Card to be sold at community events from the summer onwards. We have some possible illustrations from the work done for the recipe book, but it would be good to cast our net widely. So as to have several Taplow images in a card selection, we would like to run a parish competition for interesting photos. In the next three months (up to Easter), please start taking pictures (or look through ones from past years) which might be suitable for our Christmas Cards. General shots of Taplow in winter may be as popular as ones of St Nicolas itself. More details to follow.